IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of USSN 09/639,098

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For: EXTENSION DEVICE PROVIDING SECURITY FUNCTION

Customer No. 38834

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Date: October 6, 2003

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application. Please amend this Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.